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**CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED ON NEW VIRGINIA CENTER FOR
BEHAVIORAL REHABILITATION FACILITY**

RICHMOND – Construction has been completed on the final 200 beds of the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation (VCBR). The 300-bed facility now contains three wings each with 100 beds.

There are currently 98 civilly-committed individuals and 180 employees at VCBR. As the census reaches the capacity of 300 residents, the facility expects to hire an additional 170 people from the local community and surrounding areas for a total of 350 employees.

Construction of the new \$62 million facility was completed in two stages. Phase one, consisting of the first 100 beds, was completed in February 2008. Residents from the temporary facility in Petersburg, Virginia were transferred to the new Burkeville building on March 1, 2008. Construction of phase two, consisting of the final 200 beds, was completed in August, nearly seven months ahead of its target date of March 1, 2009.

VCBR was developed by Gilbane Development Company, designed by Davis-Carter-Scott from McLean, and built by Kenbridge Construction from Kenbridge, Virginia.

VCBR is a secure facility dedicated to the treatment of civilly-committed sexually violent predators. Individuals committed to VCBR would otherwise be released into society upon completion of their prison sentences without specialized treatment to reduce their inclination to re-offend sexually. The program's comprehensive psycho-social treatment program works to reduce the re-offense risk of residents to the lowest possible level as part of Virginia's continuing commitment to protecting vulnerable citizens against sexual predators.

More information about VCBR can be found here: <http://www.vcbr.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov/>

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Available to citizens statewide, Virginia's public mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services system is comprised of 40 community services boards (CSBs) and 16 state facilities. DMHMRSAS seeks to promote dignity, choice, recovery, and the highest possible level of participation in work, relationships, and all aspects of community life for these individuals with mental health, mental retardation or substance abuse disorders.

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